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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the
4 Naperville Municipal Band as they celebrate the Band's 150th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Naperville Brass Band held its first formal
7 concert on July 4, 1859; the band appeared in stylish blue and
8 white uniforms and its concert was described in the Dupage
9 Sentinel as admirable; and

10 WHEREAS, After the Civil War, the Naperville Brass Band was
11 re-organized and adopted the name Naperville Light Guard Band;
12 the band played in celebration of the Dupage county centennial
13 and consisted of some 14-20 members; the Naperville Light Guard
14 Band celebrated its 15th anniversary in Naperville with a
15 concert in Court House square on July 4, 1882; and

16 WHEREAS, Due to financial hard times, the Light Guard Band
17 dissolved completely in 1900, only to be resurrected in 1906
18 with the financial sponsorship of the Kroehler Manufacturing
19 Company and renamed the Lounge Factory Band, bringing concerts
20 to Naperville until 1917; in 1917, the Band once again
21 underwent a name change to the Naperville City Band when
22 Kroehler withdrew its support of the Band; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1928, the State of Illinois granted a charter
2 to the Naperville Municipal Band formalizing the name change,
3 and on April 22, 1931, a formal contract with the City of
4 Naperville, by vote of the Naperville citizens, established
5 permanent funding and committed the Band to 10 summer concerts
6 and 3 holiday parades or concerts; and

7 WHEREAS, The Band has represented Naperville at national
8 music conventions in St. Louis and Danville, Kentucky and was
9 awarded the prestigious Sudler Scroll from the John Philip
10 Sousa Foundation for outstanding musicianship and for over 100
11 years of history and service to the Naperville community and
12 school systems; and

13 WHEREAS, In January of 2000, The United States House of
14 Representatives and the Library of Congress designated the
15 Naperville Municipal Band as a Local Legacy and presented the
16 award to Director Keller in Washington, D.C.; and

17 WHEREAS, 2005 found the Band opening and dedicating its new
18 permanent home, the Naperville Community Concert Center, after
19 raising some \$250,000 to equip the new building approved by the
20 citizens and City Council of Naperville; and

21 WHEREAS, The Naperville Municipal Band provides

1 scholarships to promising students of the city's band programs,
2 and its members offer leadership and example to inspire a
3 continuing stream of quality musicians for the Band itself;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate the Naperville Municipal Band and its members for
8 its long history and dedication to bringing quality
9 entertainment to the community; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to a representative of the Naperville Municipal Band
12 as a symbol of our respect.